

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROOM 30, HOUSE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX  
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

Members Present:            Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
                                  Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
                                  Sen. Karen W. Morgan  
                                  Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser  
                                  Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
                                  Sen. Jerry Stevenson  
                                  Sen. Daniel Thatcher

Staff Present:                Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Wendy Hill, Secretary

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**    Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Morgan, and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**S.B. 151 Student Opportunity Scholarships (*H. Stephenson*)**

**MOTION:**    Sen. Stephenson moved to replace **S.B. 151** with **2nd Sub. S.B. 151 Students at Risk of Academic Failure Study**. The motion passed unanimously with Sen Niederhauser absent for the vote.

Sen. Stephenson introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill:        Dr. Galey Colosimo, Principal, Juan Diego Catholic High School  
                                  Ms. Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice in Education

Spoke against the bill:    Dr. Patti Harrington, Utah School Superintendents Association  
                                  and    Utah School Boards Association  
                                  Ms. Heidi Ross, Teacher, Tooele School District  
                                  Mr. Rob Kertesz, Parent, Retired Educator

Spoke to the bill:        Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, President, Utah Education Association  
                                  Mr. Peter Cannon, Member (speaking for himself), Davis School District  
                                  Board of Education  
                                  Ms. Elizabeth Weight, Teacher, Cyprus High School  
                                  Mr. Michael McDonough, Resource Teacher, Woodstock Elementary

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Morgan, Sen. Niederhauser, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 54 Amendments Related to Education Funding (*B. McAdams*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to replace **S.B. 54** with **1st Sub. S.B. 54**. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

Sen. McAdams introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Kory Holdaway, Government Relations Director, Utah Education Association  
Ms. Paula Green Johnson, Board Member, United Way  
Ms. Deon Turley, Education Commissioner, Utah PTA  
Dr. Ronald Wolff, Superintendent, Box Elder School District  
Mr. Wesley G. Smith, Prosperity 2020

Spoke against the bill: Mr. Peter Cannon, Member (speaking for himself), Davis School District Board of Education

**MOTION:** Sen. Morgan moved to pass the bill out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to table the bill. The motion passed with Sen. Morgan and Sen. Osmond voting in opposition and Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 175 School Grading Amendments (*W. Niederhauser*)**

Sen. Niederhauser introduced and explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Judy Park, Associate Superintendent, State Board of Education  
Mr. Kory Holdaway, Government Relations Director, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Niederhauser moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 81 Paraeducator Funding (*K. Mayne*)**

Sen. Mayne introduced and explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to hold the bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Niederhauser, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Niederhauser, and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Minutes were reported by Wendy Hill, Secretary.

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Sen. Aaron Osmond